Medicaid IN Schools

http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid

Special Interests

MEDUCAID NEWS, PG 2
- InMAC Training Offered
- New Resources at the Learning Connection
- Medicaid Requires ICD-10 Coding Effective 10/1/15

Check Out the Latest Editions Online!

Medicaid Billing Tool Kit:
November 2014

Medicaid Billing Guide:
July 2011

Medicaid (IEP and MAC) Reimbursements Report:
SFY 2014 Final-6/30/14

Newsletter Search Tips and Fast Facts Locator:
Medicaid in Schools Newsletter Archive

Learning Connection:

IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community - your online connection to School-based Medicaid Announcements, Files & Bookmarks, Forum Discussions and an Events Calendar.

Medicaid Audits in Other States Find Common Errors in Schools' Claims

Recent (2012 & 2013) audits of claims for Medicaid-covered IEP services found some of the same errors that were common in prior school-based Medicaid audits. Auditors reviewed service logs, IEPs, attendance and other data maintained by schools in two New England states and recommended repayment of reimbursements related to the following errors:

· inadequate documentation to support claims for IEP services;

· lack of a required order, referral or prescription from a qualified health professional for therapy services that require an order;

· claims for services provided by unqualified practitioners;

· claims for services provided on a date when the student was not at school;

· claims for IEP-required special transportation services that were not reimbursable.

Examples of these errors include:

→ no service log or record of a therapy service for which reimbursement was claimed

→ no occupational therapy service prescription, order or referral from a physician or other qualified practitioner

→ speech therapy services not provided by or under the supervision of an SLP

→ services billed for dates after student left school

→ no documentation of another covered IEP service on date of IEP transportation service.

Anyone can search for school-based Medicaid audit reports at the Office of Inspector General website. The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) offers members links to recent school-based Medicaid audits and archived reports per state.

Transition to One Web-based System

In October 2014 Indiana finished the transition to one web-based system that supports both the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) and Quarterly Financials requirements for school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming in Indiana (IndianaMAC). The statewide IndianaMAC contractor, PCG, periodically offers webinars

that demonstrate how to use this one web-based system to enter, certify and submit school data as required to participate in Medicaid Administrative Claiming for activities performed by schools. Visit the Medicaid in Schools Learning Connection Community for webinar info and an Indiana-MAC User Guide for this system.

Did you know?

- The schools' Medicaid Billing Tool Kit for IEP Services is now in its 15th Edition.

- Hands in Autism is inviting people with autism, caregivers and family members to complete a brief survey about current ASD resources and services in Indiana.

- Indiana School Health Network will hold its next conference on June 15-16, 2015 in Indianapolis.

Medicaid in Schools

5 Opportunities for Required Annual IndianaMAC Training

Is your Indiana-MAC Financial Liaison due for annual training?

Indiana's federally approved school-based Medicaid claiming methodology requires the Financial Liaison from each IndianaMAC-participating school district, charter or state school to attend a financial training session at least once per year. In December 2015, PCG notified the 47 LEAs that are required to fulfill this annual requirement prior to entering their IndianaMAC cost data for the October-December 2014 claiming quarter.

This training session takes less than an hour, and PCG will offer 5 opportunities to participate in a training session (2 before and 3 after schools' Winter Break) during December 2014 and January 2015. For more information visit the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Learning Connection Community Calendar and click one of the following Indiana-MAC Training webinar sessions to view access details for that specific session:

Mon., 12/15, 3 ET/2 CT
Wed. 12/17, 11:30 ET/10:30 CT
Thurs., 1/8, 1:30 ET/12:30 CT
Tues., 1/13, 10 ET/9 CT
Fri., 1/23, 10:30 ET/9:30 CT

New Files & Bookmarks at IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community

Attention Learning Connection users: FREE resources at the Medicaid in Schools Files & Bookmarks tab now include copies of: an ABA therapy coverage clarification issued to all state Medicaid agencies in 2014 (see "Resources to HELP STUDENTS with Disabilities") and Indiana's policy on Medicaid for homeless individuals (click the "Resources to HELP STUDENTS Who Are Homeless, Pregnant or Have Unmet Medical Needs" folder). Also new at the Medicaid in Schools Community's Files & Bookmarks tab is the folder labeled "Indiana Medicaid, CHIP & HIP: eligibility & coverage," which offers multiple resources to help identify who qualifies for benefits under these public health insurance programs for Hoosier children, families, and students with disabilities, including information on the services covered by each program and where to apply.

Other new files and bookmarks available at the Medicaid in Schools Learning Connection Community:

- An updated "List of Tools & Resources for IndianaMAC-participating Schools" (under the IndianaMAC folder)

- Description of NIH grants to develop and test diabetes management strategies for young children (see "IN THE NEWS")

- A Virginia DOE guide on how to help military families of students with disabilities (see "Resources to HELP STUDENTS with Disabilities")

- Joint guidance from civil rights experts at the U.S. DOE Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and the U.S. Department of Justice on meeting the communication needs of students with hearing, vision or speech disabilities (see "Xtra Links for School Clinicians>For SLPs and Audiologists").

Ready for Oct 2015 Switch to ICD-10 Diagnosis Coding?

Beginning October 1, 2015, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will require all state Medicaid agencies to cease accepting and processing claims coded with ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes. These standardized codes (*International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision-Clinical Modification*) published by the American Medical Association are being replaced by the more recent and expanded ICD-10-CM (10th Revision) of the code set.

Vendors who submit claims to the Indiana Medicaid program had multiple opportunities to participate in readiness testing over the past year or more. The Indiana Medicaid agency posts news and details about the October 2015 transition to ICD-10 coding at its website at http://provider.indianamedicaid.com/news,-bulletins,-and-banners/news-summary/how-the-icd-10-delay-affects-the-ihcp.aspx.

Have you checked with your district's billing agent about its preparations for these upcoming changes? Is everything all set to go for ICD-10 implementation on October 1, 2015?

Medicaid in Schools

IDOE Contact Person:

Tracy Brunner
School-based Medicaid Specialist
Office of Special Education
E-mail: tbrunner@doe.in.gov

The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.

IMAGINING the possibilities. MAKING THEM HAPPEN.

Indiana Department of Education

Glenda Ritz, NBCT
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

VISIT US ON THE WEB!
HTTP://WWW.DOE.IN.GOV/SPECIALED/SCHOOL-BASED-MEDICAID

Conference Connections: Medicaid and Special Education

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME, Inc.) October 4-7, 2015 Baltimore, MD medicaidforeducation.org	Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) April 8-11, 2015 San Diego, CA cec.sped.org/convention

Across the Nation

Responding to various studies and issue papers, including a 2007 CDC journal article framing school dropout as a major threat to public health, the nation's public health goals (**Healthy People 2020**) incorporate an **indicator** related to educational achievement for the first time. Goals for this indicator include increasing both the proportion of students whose reading and math skills are at or above the proficient achievement level for their grade and the proportion of students who graduate with a regular diploma 4 years after starting 9th grade.

The American Public Health Association and its **Center for School, Health and Education website** highlights the role of school-based health services in helping to prevent school dropout and improve graduation rates. Also demonstrating the inextricable link between health and academic success:

- the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors' **review of 122 studies** of the relationship between health behaviors and educational outcomes; and

- the Center for Society and Health at Virginia Commonwealth University's **issue brief** on the cost effectiveness of public investments to reduce debilitating chronic conditions, save tax dollars and boost economic productivity.